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## **Mayor To Deliver Holiday Cheer**

For Immediate Release

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(December 20, 2004- TROY)- Mayor Harry Tutunjian will read "'Twas the Night Before Christmas," to children at Carroll Hill School at 8:15 a.m. TUESDAY morning. All members of the media are encouraged to attend.

The first printing of Clement Clark Moore's, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," was on December 23, 1823 in the Troy Sentinel. And while it is a holiday staple today, the original appeared in column five of page 3, between an advertisement on taking honey from the hive and a marriage announcement.

"Hearing 'Twas the Night Before Christmas will put even the biggest humbug in the holiday spirit," Tutunjian said. "We are very proud to be known as the place the poem was first published, and I look forward to sharing the happiness the poem brings to the entire school."

The reading will take place as part the entire school's morning program, which will begin promptly at 8:15 a.m. After the reading Tutunjian will enjoy a question and answer segment with the 300-member student body.

*Directions To Carroll Hill School:*

*Get off I-787 at 7E South Troy. Take a right onto Mill Street (Route 4). Then take a left onto Campbell's Avenue, another left onto Project Road, and then a left onto Delaware Avenue. The school is located at 112 Delaware Avenue.*